



God Created All Things

I am here! You are here! But did you know that there was a time when there were no people here on the earth?

There were no animals and no plants. There was no ground where our church stands. There was no ground because there was no planet Earth. There were no **galaxies**. There was nothing but God.

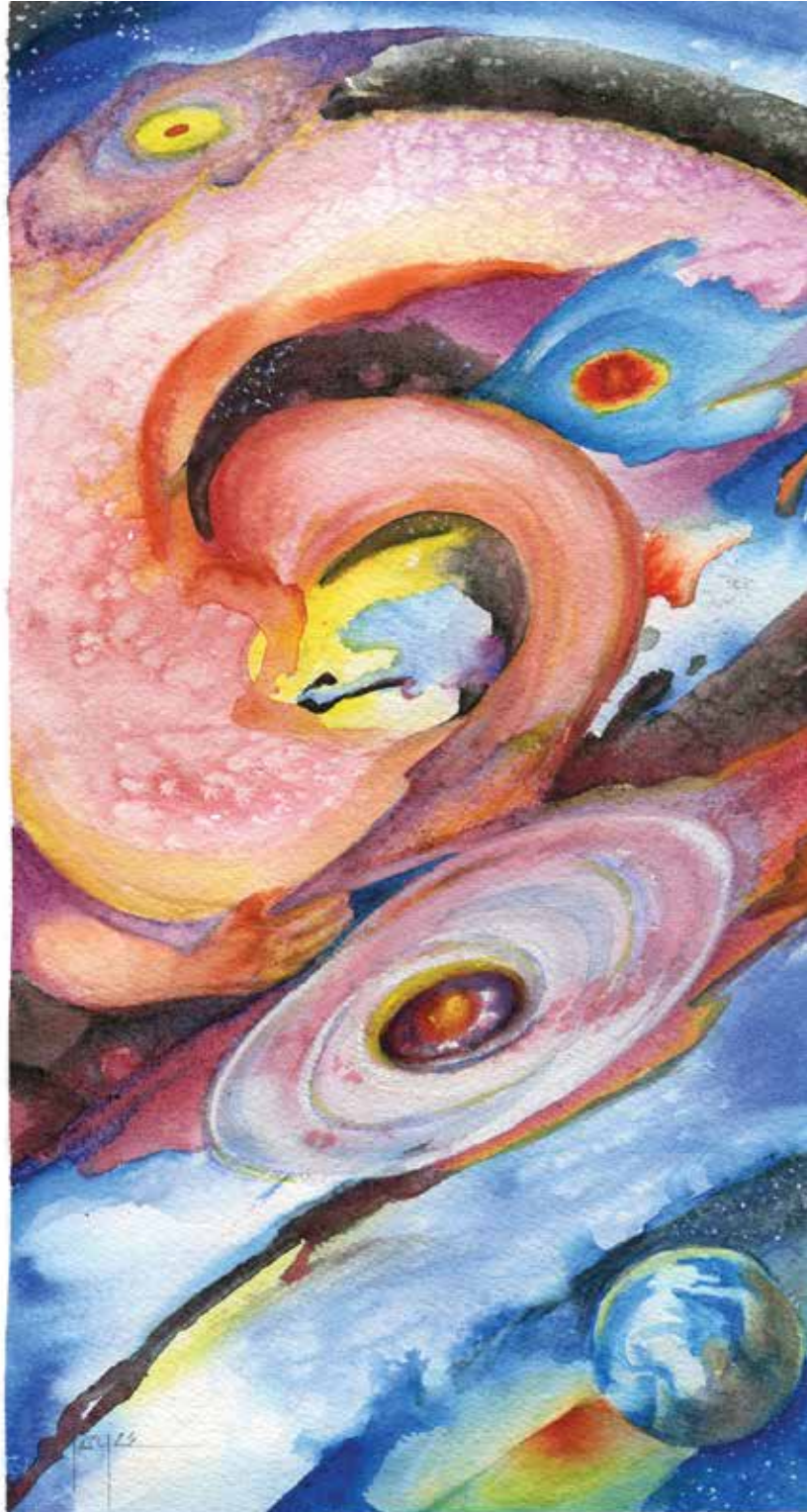
The Bible tells us that God has always **existed**. He is **eternal**. That means He had no beginning and He has no end. He will never stop being. But everything else that exists had a beginning. Once it wasn't here—now it is.

We have been learning about the First Article of the Apostles' Creed: "I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth." Luther's catechism teaches more about what this means, beginning with these words: "I believe that God has created me and all that exists."

When He wanted to create the world, God didn't have any materials to use. Remember, there weren't any bits of dirt, or dust, or even water. All the things that God made, He made out of nothing.

What a powerful God! When God wanted to create something, all He had to do was speak. When God spoke the words, "Let there be light," suddenly there was light. When He said, "Let the dry land appear," it happened. God's word is so powerful that it made things exist that were not there before.

Have you ever helped someone plant a garden or a tree? Once the ground is ready, you need seeds or a seedling to put in the ground. When that is done, you will have to water the plants every day—they will need lots of water and sunshine.





But when God brought forth the land and all its **vegetation**, the heavens with its stars and lights, and the sea with its creatures, He simply spoke and it was so! These very words, “it was so,” follow each step as God continued His work of creation.

Another phrase repeated in the creation story is “and God saw that it was good.” This helps us to picture the **magnificence** and beauty of His creation. When God declares something to be good, it truly is good. What is the most beautiful sight you have seen? Is it the ocean? Is it the mountains? Or maybe it is the night sky with all the stars? Knowing that God has created it all, you can understand more about the power of His word.

You are a part of God’s creation too. God created people—male and female. God made Adam first, and then He created Eve to be his wife. God told them to be fruitful and multiply, which means that He wanted them to have children. Adam and Eve are our **ancestors**, and we are their descendants.

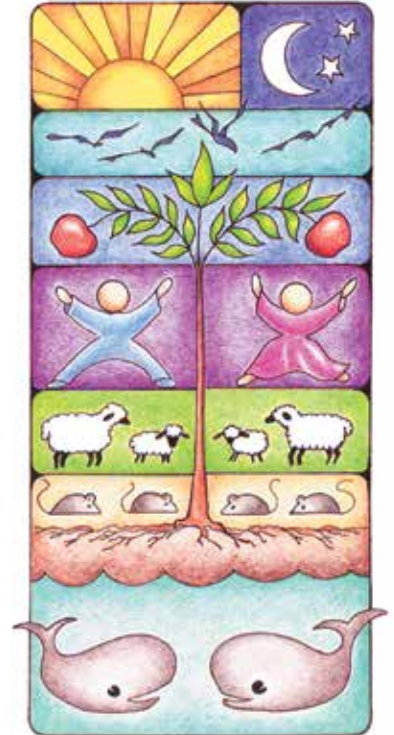
God’s Word still has power to create. His Word creates faith in your heart where there was none before. This faith is given to you as a gift. God gives you faith to confess that He is God, the Creator of all, and faith to believe in Jesus the Savior. By faith you can say, “I believe that God has created me and all that exists.”

ACTIVITY 1

In the Beginning

Put the creation events in order using Genesis 1. Write the correct letter in the blank to match each day of creation.

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| Day 1 _____ | A. fish, birds, sea monsters |
| Day 2 _____ | B. sky or heavens |
| Day 3 _____ | C. sun, moon, stars |
| Day 4 _____ | D. created light and separated day from night |
| Day 5 _____ | E. separated water from dry land and created grass, plants, and trees |
| Day 6 _____ | F. livestock, creatures that move along the ground, beasts of the earth, man |



- What did God think about all that He created? You'll find the answer in the Bible at the end of each day of Creation. _____
- How could God create so many things in such a short time? _____
- God spoke, and the world came into being. God's Word still has power to create. His Word creates _____ in your heart where there was none before. This is given to you as a gift.

ACTIVITY 2

What Does It Mean?

Unscramble the words using the definitions that are given as hints. Some are review words from other lessons.

Definition	Scrambled Word	Word
1. To have life or continue to be.	<i>tixes</i>	1. _____
2. Big groups of stars and planets.	<i>exailsag</i>	2. _____
3. Has no beginning or end.	<i>lateren</i>	3. _____
4. Make out of nothing.	<i>teacer</i>	4. _____
5. Plant life.	<i>nevogietta</i>	5. _____
6. Splendor.	<i>ficngenacme</i>	6. _____
7. Members of our family who came before us, like Grandpa and Great-Grandma.	<i>noatcsesr</i>	7. _____
8. A statement of what a person believes about God.	<i>edcer</i>	8. _____
9. Three Persons in one God.	<i>inuret</i>	9. _____
10. Belief or trust in God.	<i>hafit</i>	10. _____



Catechism

The First Article of Creation

I believe in God the Father Almighty, . . .

What does this mean?

I believe that God has created me and all that exists; . . .



Memory Verse

By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and by the breath of His mouth all their host.

—Psalm 33:6

Enrichment Memory Verse:
Psalm 8:3-4